



News Conference

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Update from Iraq, status of mobilized units, new mobilizations

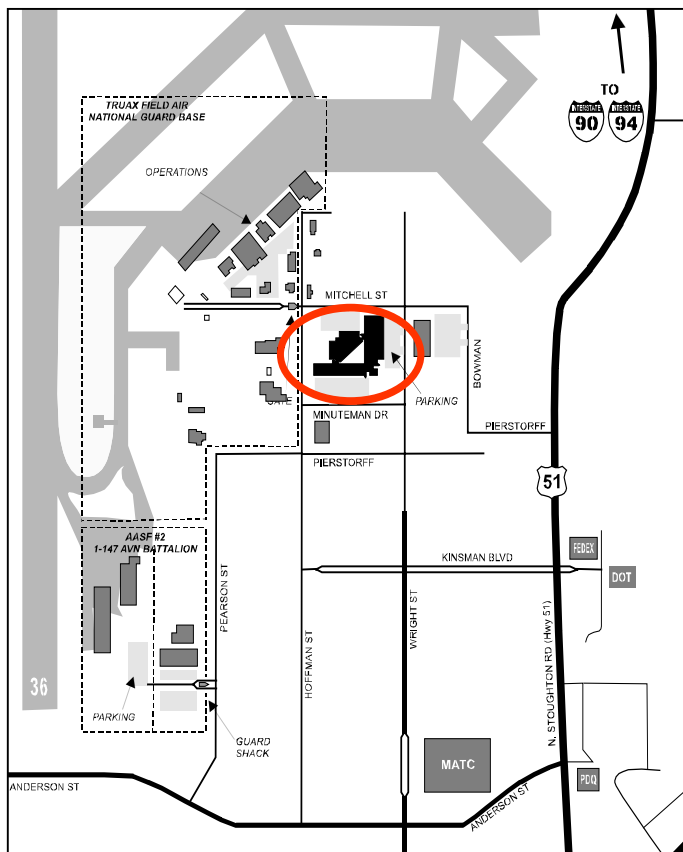
1:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 3
Wisconsin National Guard State Headquarters
2400 Wright Street, Madison

During the coming week, more than 200 additional Army Guard soldiers from four units will enter active duty and one additional unit remains on alert notification. Since September 11, 2001, nearly 3,300 Guard members have been mobilized and about 1,725 will be on active duty by this weekend.

Maj. Gen. Al Wilkening visited Wisconsin National Guard troops in Iraq and Kuwait last week and he will share observations from his three-day, pre-Thanksgiving trip to the region.

Participating with Gen. Wilkening will be Brig. Gen. Kerry Denson (Army Guard commander), and Brig. Gen. Fred Sloan (Air Guard commander). Also on hand will be commanders of the four units being mobilized this weekend.

Following your questions (all on-the-record), the Public Affairs staff will remain to answer any technical or procedural questions about covering the National Guard during a time when nearly one-fourth of the Wisconsin National Guard is serving on active duty and nearly a thousand are deployed in harm's way.



RECENTLY MOBILIZED/ALERTED UNITS

- **Headquarters 264th Engineer Group**
Chippewa Falls (about 80 soldiers)
- **Co. B, 118th Medical Battalion**
Waukesha (about 70 soldiers)
- **232nd Personnel Services Company**
Madison (about 50 soldiers)
- **Det. 1, 139th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment**
Madison (about 10 soldiers)

ALERTED ONLY:

1st Battalion, 126th Field Artillery (about 500 soldiers)
Kenosha, Whitewater, Oak Creek, Racine, Burlington

Directions:

The Wisconsin National Guard state headquarters is located at 2400 Wright Street east of the airport. Take Wright Street north approximately 1.2 miles from E. Washington Avenue. Parking is available in either the east or south parking lots. Enter the building at the main entrance (near the Minuteman statue).

Additional Information:

If you need any additional information about this news conference or would like to have any particular issues addressed, contact Tim Donovan, 608-242-3050.